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THE SAME

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Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

April 19, 2001

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Respectfully submitted,

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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April 19, 2001

Sir:

In reply to the Restriction Requirement dated March 19, 2001, the following remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

REMARKS

Claims 1-18 are pending. No amendments have been made by way of the present submission, thus, no new matter has been entered.

Issues Under 35 U.S.C. § 121

In the outstanding Office Action, the Examiner required restriction to one of the following two groups pursuant to 35 U.S.C. § 121.

Group I: Claims 1-10, drawn to a method of immunologically measuring the human medullasin content in blood; and

Group II: Claims 11-18, drawn to a method of diagnosing multiple sclerosis.

Applicants respectfully traverse the above-restriction requirement. That is, Applicants submit that for the Examiner to search and consider claims 1-18 in their entirety would not present an undue burden of search and/or consideration. Accordingly, the Examiner is respectfully requested to withdraw the outstanding Restriction Requirement and rejoin the present claims. However, in order to be fully responsive to the outstanding Restriction Requirement, Applicants hereby elect Group I, directed to claims 1-10. As indicated above, this is an election with traverse.

Favorable action on the merits is respectfully solicited.

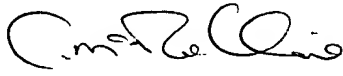
If the Examiner has any questions or comments, please contact Craig A. McRobbie, Registration No. 42,874, at the offices of Birch, Stewart, Kolasch & Birch, LLP.

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